



**SCOTTSDALE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
Scottsdale Airport Terminal Lobby
15000 N. Airport Drive, Scottsdale, AZ**

January 9, 2013

MINUTES

PRESENT: Michael Goode, Chairman
William Bergdoll, Vice Chairman
Gunnar Buzzard
William Schuckert
Steve Ziomek

ABSENT: Ken Casey
Bob Hobbi

STAFF: Sarah Ferrera, Aviation Planning & Outreach Coordinator
Cliff Frey, Sr., Assistant City Attorney
Shannon Johnson, Management Analyst
Gary P. Mascaro, Aviation Director
Chris Read, Airport Operations Manager

OTHERS: Joe Daichendt, Southwest Jet Center
Troy Padilla, Santa Fe Air Center
Tommy Walker, Scottsdale Air Center

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Goode called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Commissioners as noted above.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Goode led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

AVIATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aviation Director Mr. Gary Mascaro reported that Set Jet is remodeling their office area. They are also remodeling the bathrooms and replacing the tiled floor in parts of the terminal building. The goal is to complete construction by the end of February.

In reply to a question from Commissioner Ziomek, Mr. Mascaro confirmed that Set Jet has been paying rent since September.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting: November 14, 2012

Commissioner Buzzard made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2012 regular meeting. Vice Chair Bergdoll seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of five (5) to zero (0). Commissioners Casey and Hobbi were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tommy Walker of the Scottsdale Air Center announced his planned retirement in April. He said it has been a pleasure to deal with the Airport staff and the Commission, and the Airport has made phenomenal achievements in the ten years he has been here. He appreciates how cooperative everyone is and said if all the other airports in the country would take the enthusiasm and know-how found in Scottsdale, it would be wonderful. He acknowledged the positive attitude of City Council.

Mr. Walker introduced Troy Padilla, currently of the Santa Fe Air Center, who will be taking Mr. Walker's place when he retires. Mr. Padilla said he is excited to be coming to Scottsdale. Mr. Walker has been his long-term mentor.

Chairman Goode said the Scottsdale Air Center is a first-class facility which has won many awards. Commissioner Buzzard thanked Mr. Walker for his years of service and for all he has done to promote the Airport.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 - 2

1. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Application for Airpark Aeronautical Business for Southwest Jet Center, LLC to conduct Hangar & Shade Leasing Services

Because Mr. Daichendt had requested to address the Commission on this item, Chairman Goode announced that this item was pulled from the consent agenda.

2. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Application for Airport Aeronautical Business for Vertical Works, LLC to conduct Flight Training Services

Commissioner Buzzard moved approval of this item. Vice-Chairman Bergdoll seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of five (5) to zero (0). Commissioners Casey and Hobbi were absent.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS 1, 3 - 16

1. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Application for Airpark Aeronautical Business for Southwest Jet Center, LLC to conduct Hangar & Shade Leasing Services

Commissioner Schuckert recused himself on this item.

Management Analyst Ms. Shannon Johnson gave a brief presentation on this application. Mr. Joe Daichendt of ThearyR Properties, which recently acquired Southwest Jet Center, LLC thanked staff for their efforts during the purchase process and expressed his company's commitment to investing in the Southwest Jet Center and the surrounding area.

Commissioner Ziomek asked if they plan to add shade or hangar space. Mr. Daichendt said at the moment there are no plans to add to the existing facilities. They are focusing on attracting aircraft from surrounding airports. The company currently owns two corporate aircraft.

Commissioner Buzzard asked if this will replace the Southwest Jet Airpark permit and Ms. Johnson confirmed that it will.

Vice-Chairman Bergdoll moved approval of the application for Airpark Aeronautical Business for Southwest Jet Center, LLC to conduct Hangar & Shade Leasing Services. Commissioner Buzzard seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of four (4) to zero (0). Commissioners Casey and Hobbi were absent. Commissioner Schuckert was recused.

3. Election of Officers

Mr. Mascaro conducted the annual election.

Commissioner Buzzard made a motion to elect Commissioner Goode for a second term as Chairman. Commissioner Ziomek seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of five (5) to zero (0). Commissioners Casey and Hobbi were absent.

Chairman Goode made a motion to nominate Commissioner Bergdoll as the 2013 Vice-Chairman of the Airport Advisory Commission. Commissioner Ziomek seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of five (5) to zero (0). Commissioners Casey and Hobbi were absent.

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Airport Advisory Commission By-Laws

Mr. Mascaro noted that this is the annual opportunity to review the by-laws. No changes were deemed necessary.

5. Annual Refresher Training regarding City of Scottsdale Code of Ethical Behavior

Senior Assistant City Attorney Mr. Cliff Frey, screened the DVD of the ethics training and collected the paperwork completed by the Commissioners.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Airport Advisory Commission Annual Report

Mr. Mascaro presented the draft annual report.

Commissioner Ziomek recalled that the Commission played an active role in planning the Air Fair.

Commissioner Buzzard made a motion to approve the Aviation Director's annual report with one additional comment to address the Commissions active role in preparing for the 2012 Air Fair. Vice-Chairman Bergdoll seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of five (5) to zero (0). Commissioners Casey and Hobbi were absent.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Resolution 9302 authorizing an amendment of the Airport Engineering Services contract No. 2012-131-COS-A1 with Stantec Consulting, Inc.

Chairman Goode said this item has been withdrawn.

8. Discussion and Input Regarding the possibility of providing U.S. Customs Service seven days a week

Chairman Goode recalled many discussions on this topic. The two FBOs and himself as the representative of Net Jets and several others have communicated with the U.S. Customs Port Director. They were told the only option was to add a full-time Customs officer, which they felt was not justified. Mr. Matt Wright of Landmark Aviation spearheaded a group that worked with Congressman Schweikert to try to achieve daily Customs service. Chairman Goode read into the record a letter they sent to Mr. Kevin Knight who works in Congressman Schweikert's office:

"We have an opportunity within my district to make some very positive changes by enhancing the services provided by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to international arrivals at the Scottsdale Municipal Airport. Presently the CBP provides excellent service to arriving aircraft needing customs processing five days a week pursuant to a contract

with the City of Scottsdale. The City pays for one full time agent to cover Thursday through Monday. However there is no scheduled coverage on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, creating a service gap that results in some negative consequences for users, the City and the surrounding community as well as having undesirable environmental impacts.

"A proposal has been made to the local Port Director at Phoenix to have Scottsdale provide guaranteed customs service on Tuesdays and Wednesdays by paying CBP's existing agents guaranteed overtime to provide the necessary staffing. However, this request has been met with some resistance for which I am now asking for your personal involvement and support. The local Port Director has balked at filling the gap with overtime which is available, desired by staff, and logistically do-able. Instead, he has proposed a scenario whereby the City would pay for a second full time agent (new hire), which is not economically feasible or justified. To reiterate, the City's proposed overtime addition would be fully funded by the municipality.

"Presently aircraft choosing to travel on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from international departure points must make an additional stop at an alternate airport of entry before continuing on to their final destination of Scottsdale. This results in negative environmental impacts including:

- Additional fuel burn caused by increased total distance traveled.
- Much more fuel is burned during the climb phase of flight versus cruise phase of flight (by a factor of as much as 50 percent) resulting in a much higher amount of exhaust emissions associated with having to climb the aircraft to altitude twice, even if the total added distance created by the stop is not significant.
- The additional stop also results in greater wear and tear on the aircraft (referred to as an additional cycle), including tires, which create smoke on every landing. Further, the environmental impact reaches beyond just the aircraft to equipment used to support every arrival and departure on the ground.

"The immediate consequences of staffing the two days and providing seven-day service at Scottsdale will result in an economic to many, including:

- Offset overtime costs already being incurred at other locations within the Port through a reimbursement of CBP by the City.
- The City will reap additional economic benefit through increased arrivals on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The community will see gain in economic activity on Tuesday and Wednesday due to additional flight activity. Entities such as hotels, car rental agencies, restaurants, aircraft support and other local shopping outlets will reap benefit.
- Decrease operating costs to the aircraft resulting from fewer cycles.

"In sum, there is a great opportunity for a win (environment) / win (government) / win (local economy) / win (aviation users) situation at the

Scottsdale Municipal Airport. However, to achieve these beneficial results, I am asking for your support by backing the City's proposal. Please join me in benefitting the environment and the economy by providing your assistance in achieving Scottsdale's requested solution."

Chairman Goode said that the bottom line is that they really want seven-day service during the busy season and feel that politically, the next option was to work through the local Congressman. As of this afternoon they have not had a response. This would be a great benefit to the Airport. Flights have been arriving from outside Mexico and Canada.

Commissioner Ziomek said the letter is very good and should get people thinking more about this issue. He asked whether any of the other small airports around the Valley have service seven days a week. Mr. Mascaro said Phoenix-Mesa Gateway has user fee operation on weekdays. Chairman Goode added that Customs service can be prearranged on an as-needed basis on scheduled days off, but it is not guaranteed. This is offputting to travelers.

Commissioner Buzzard said he was distressed that CBP has not been amenable to prior suggestions. He added that there has been a definite increase in Customs activity, especially with aircraft from Europe. This approach is sensible and economical.

Chairman Goode reminded the meeting that the Customs official is fully funded by the user fees. The goal of the Airport is to break even. If activity increases they might potentially be able to decrease the user fees.

Commissioner Ziomek asked whether Officer Kennedy would be expected to work seven days a week. Chairman Goode explained they are looking for additional part-time help.

9. Discussion and Input Regarding an update to the potential Air Fair 2013

Mr. Mascaro recalled the discussion at the November meeting. In December Chairman Goode, Commissioner Buzzard, Airport staff and other interested parties met to analyze the 2012 Air Fair and gauge interest in participating in 2013. The conclusion of the meeting was that if the restaurant and promoter choose to pursue a 2013 Air Fair, they need to approach the Airport and the City to express interest. Right now they are looking for sponsorships. Mr. Mascaro told Chairman Goode that he did not give the organizers a deadline. If they decide to go ahead with the Air Fair, they will come back in plenty of time.

10. Discussion and Input Regarding Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary Report

Aviation Planning & Outreach Coordinator Ms. Sarah Ferrara presented the quarterly noise complaint summary for October – December 2012.

Chairman Goode noted that two people made 38 complaints and another resident made 16 complaints. Ms. Ferrara said some of the calls were from people just wanting an explanation of the noise they had heard rather than a complaint per se. She noted that complaints have dropped by nearly 50 percent since 2011.

Chairman Goode asked why the complaints have dropped so much, given that operations have not dropped by a comparable amount. Airport Operations Manager Mr. Chris Read said operations have actually increased by three percent. Mr. Mascaro said staff attribute much of the decrease to the robust noise program they have implemented.

Vice-Chairman Bergdoll asked whether the complaints from east and west of the airfield tend to be related to helicopter noise. Mr. Mascaro said particularly on the east side this is the case. Commissioner Ziomek pointed out his home on the map and said that in the past all the helicopters used to fly overhead. Now they are following the flight paths recommended by the Airport, which is a big improvement. Mr. Mascaro said the helicopter operators have always respected the community and want to keep their operations as quiet as possible.

Chairman Goode commended staff for their efforts with the noise program.

11. Discussion and Input Regarding Monthly Operations Reports for November and December 2012

Mr. Read presented the operations report for November and December 2012. He reported they had to add extra night closures in order to accomplish the night work at the end of the runway. The rain storms in December caused this delay. Tonight is the final night closure for that project, which should be completed by the end of this week.

Chairman Goode mentioned that his company, Net Jets, has taken delivery of three Global 5000s and 6000s. Over the next ten years they will add 120 aircraft, 5000, 6000, 7000 and 8000 models.

12. Discussion and Input Regarding Monthly Financial Reports for October and November 2012

Ms. Johnson presented the financial reports.

13. Discussion and Input Regarding the Marketing, Community and Pilot Outreach Programs

Ms. Ferrera announced that she will be exhibiting at the 2013 Schedulers and Dispatchers conference in San Antonio, TX on January 22 – 25. On February 12 she will be making a presentation to local Realtors along with Economic Development staff.

Six projects within the Airport influence area were listed in the Planning and Zoning reports.

In the past quarter staff issued one e-newsletter. She is busy promoting the Airport Master Plan process and upcoming public workshops. The next one is tentatively scheduled for February or March.

The Scottsdale Airpark Chamber Committee members have approached staff to organize a community run/walk at Scottsdale Airport, which will happen on Saturday, April 6. Proceeds will benefit the organization Playworks, which improves school climate and reduces bullying.

No Stage 2 complaints were received and one voluntary curfew reminder letter was sent to a based aircraft.

14. Discussion and Input Regarding Airport and Airpark Aeronautical Business Permit Additions, Cancellations or Revocations

Ms. Johnson presented the report.

15. Discussion and Input Regarding Status of Aviation Items to City Council

Mr. Mascaro said City Council approved the lease amendments for Landmark Aviation and Scottsdale Air Center which the Commission recommended in November. He added that there have been no new developments regarding the aviation related items before the Planning Commission, the Design Review Board and City Council.

16. Discussion and Possible Action to Modify the Airport Advisory Commission Meeting Schedule and Commission Item Calendar.

Mr. Mascaro presented the 2013 schedule.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None noted.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz